BRIDGE PLAYERS DIFFER AS TO A SOLUTION.

Harry Boardman's Last Problem Called Both Easy and Hard An Eight Card No Trumper Problem Supplied by the Regents. The Short Cut at Chess.

In bridge problem No. 75 Harry Boardman had studied out a new blow, calculated to catch any one off his guard. The Readers of THE SUN can judge for themselves who wins.

Some of those who sent in solutions to No 75 thought it one of the hardest yet printed, while others said they got it the first time they tried it. This difference, may be accounted for on much the same grounds as the contradictory opinions held by the small girl who tried to pull onta nail with her teeth and by her brother. who used a clawhammer. This letter from H E W illustrates one view of the

"Your man Boardman certainly has all the other composers beaten to a frazzle He seems to possess to a remarkable He seems to possess to a remarkable degree the faculty of making unsound openings and their continuations exceedingly plausible, so much so that the slightest slip in handling the defence will still give the solver a troublesome and therefore satisfactory solution, so he goes to sleep with his pleasant little pipe dream, only to find, when THE SUN wakes him up a couple of weeks later. that he is in the wrong bed "

Then follows this solution, which is given by several others, and which certainly suggests no end of difficulty

Z leads the ten of hearts and Y trumps . Then Y leads his nine of diamonds. and whether B covers it or not. Z ducks If B covers the nine. A ducks it and A B leads one of his high spades. This Z trumps with the five and leads the jack of trumps, following it with the ien of diamonds, and following that again with the king if A holds off

Should B refuse to cover the nine of diamonds when Y leads it. A wins the trick and leads the five of spades, and now Z must trump with the tack and lead the

overs, Z trumps with the jack and puts A in with the five of trumps.

Here are the false solutions pointed out. evidently based on the theory that Y will. lead a diamond

Z starts with the ten of hearts and Y discards a small spade instead of trumping. Now Z leads a small diamend and it goes to B's queen, so that A may still hold the ace over Z's king. Whether B returns a diamend or a spade makes to difference, as Y will trump the one and Z the other. discards a small spade instead of trump-

The error in this solution is that A will put on the ace of diamonds the first time father had his nerve with him he should the suit is led and will play his strump so that B shall win a trick in spades and than a triangle e in hearts. The man from Omaha does not seem

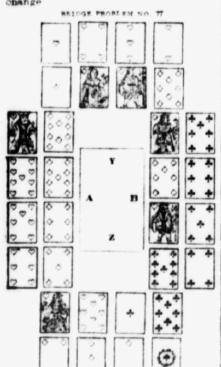
with the jack, so that he can put A in by leading the five of trumps. It does not matter what A does with his diamonds. over B If A leads low Z will knock the

way of doing it are the following:
Frank Roy, H. E. W., A. I. Strasburger,
H. K. Thaw, J. W. Wortz, H. T. Green, H.
H. Miller, C. F. Johnson, Dr. George, C.
Bailey, Ellen Jennings, Oscar L. Thonet,
Robert Crothers, G. T. Forbes, Arthur L.
Brown, A. S. Kirkman, C. Walters and H.
W. Coleman. Coleman

Those who indorse the man from Omaha in his solution are James Hunter, Felix, J. Warren Merrill, B. F. Knipe, N. D. W., Ren Kard, N. D. Burt, J. W. Cronfwell, Jr., J. L. Scott, Algernon Bray, Burton D. Blair, Thomas C. Balcom, A. Batteil, Bay State, Wilbur F. Smith, J. B. Hill, Henry Andresen, S. P. H., Frank Roy, Victor Du Pont, Jr. Helen Dorsey, Milton C. Isbell, F. G. T. E. A. Aborn, D. C. Shanks, Wallace Hampton, Igoe, R. H. Hawkins, Tramp Trays, N. S. Willetts, Roscoe C. Harris, O. H. Boston, W. W. Dudley, W. O. Johnson and Thomas Rogers Thomas Rogers

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It is some time since a no trumper was offered and almost as long since an eight carder was proposed, so here is a combination of both these elements for a



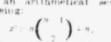
There are no trumps and Zis in the lead Y and Z want seven out of these eight tricks. How do they secure them, in spite of any defence open to A and B? The chief thing to analyze in this prob lem, as in every no trumper, is the unex-pected wriggles that A and B may make at their end of the line in their attempts to shake the hook out of their mouths.

even after they have taken the bait FOR INTERCHANGRABLE PATTERN Strange to say, only five saw the trap in this problem, attention being apparently taken up with the effort to arrive at the number of stones that would make a perfect square and also a perfect equilateral triangle. The solution to this part of the problem, which is only the introduction.

Here's to You!

is as follows.

The units is an equilateral fermation no trouble, no bother. Simply strain constitute an arithmetical series, the through cracked ice and serve.



in which  $z^2$  may have an infinite number of values, two of which z=36 (n=8) and  $z^2=1225$  (n=49), fail within the natural limits of the problem as stated, the number

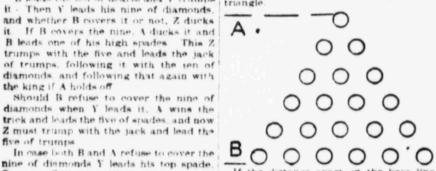
PROBLEMS FOR SUN READERS of objects dealt with being given as thing over a thousand thing over a thousand. This gives the first part of the answer.

This gives the first part of the answer, that the square was formed of thirty-five rows of stones, with thirty-five in each row, and that the base of an equilateral triangle which would exactly use up that number of stones would have forty-nine stones as its base, each row decreasing by one until the apex was reached.

But when the real question of the problem is reached, how many of the stones that formed the original square would have to be moved, all would-be solvers went astray. The common idea seemed to be that as much of the square as would fall within the area of the triangle might be left undisturbed, while another, although less general, opinion seemed to be lated to catch any one off his guard. The man in Omaha came up smiling with a though less general, opinion seemed to be cross counter that looks very effective. only one stone less as they advanced, it would be necessary to shift every second leaving every alternate line as it was Both solutions are in error, because the distance between the rows of stones or pebbles, as they rise one above the other in the triangle, is less than when they were arranged in a square, as the following illustration of the principle on a smaller code, will show the stone of the principle on a smaller code, will show the stone of the principle on a smaller code, will show the stone of the principle on a smaller code, will show the stone of the principle on a smaller code. scale will show:

> 0000 000 If these stones are assumed to be a foot

art, centre and centre, the square will 5 feet high. Now take the equilatera triangle



If the distance apart on the base line is assumed to be 1 foot the length is still 5 feet, but the height from A to B is only 4 feet 4 inches, so that the distance between the rows vertically is only a fraction over 10 inches. The correct answer to the problem,

therefore, is that out of the 1,225 pebbles

iam H. Quick, Jr., and Morrison C. Colyer. The last named remarks that if Johnny's father had his nerve with him he should

The man from Omaha does not seem to have seen this blow at all and did not even take the trouble to sidestep it. Here is his solution, which agrees with the majority of those received.

"We are now horse and horse, so Mr Boardman will have to come again for the rubber. I had no trouble in stopping that last one of his this way.

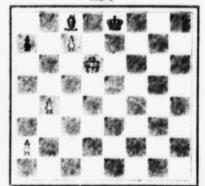
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Correct solutions from:
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Lawton, Dr. A. H. Baldwin, W. J. Ferris
and William C. Van Antwerp.

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Just as the golf player shows his skill compared to the first solution this is simplicity itself. What is the matter with he takes the shortest out to make in the matter with he takes the shortest out to make in which he takes the shortest out to make its short he takes the shortest cut to victory when it gets down to the finish. Take the gets down to the finish.

CHESS PROBLEM NO. 77.



It is white's move and he must be very careful that he does not lose the advan-tage that he has gained. What should he play and why? In the actual play he made a slip that cost him the game.

WHAT IS WHIRKEY?

A correspondent sends to THE SEN the following question, which is taken from the Regents' examination of June 9 | 285

"Two quarts of alcohol are mixed with five quarts of water. Find the number of quarts of alcohol that must be added to make the mixture three-fourths alcohol." Now don't jump to the conclusion. Slowly old man Greenlaw's face re-

are elever enough to point out the fallacy of the chemistry in this proposition and of the chemistry in this; to give the correct answer



ON QUITTING EVEN AT DRAW POKER

Mr. Winterbottom of Arkansas City Points out How to Avoid Losing.

"There's a parable some'res into the Good Book," said old man Greenlaw, what tells about a old woman 't had so many children what she didn't know what to do with 'em all. Well, they is times when I feel consid'able the same way my ownself.

"Here I be, gettin' on in years some an' more 'n that, kep' indoors with th' responsibilities o' business, an' oncapable to look after you uns like somebody'd oughter look a'ter you. Yo' all is got mo' 'dvantages 'n the average. Natur' done gifted yo' with a good appearance an' a first glass edication, instead o' which some one on ye's al'ays goin' 'round raisin' hell."

It was more in sorrow than in anger that the old man spoke to the group that sat as usual in his little saloon near the levee in Arkansas City. As they sat, continuing to smoke placidly, with no visible perturbation, he regarded them with augmented emotion until presently, when it seemed as if he would give way to tears, his mood suddenly changed and he became vehemently indignant.

"I reckon I mought as well give it up. he said, bitterly. 'Here I been givin' o' my substance free f'r years an' years. upbuildin' the c'munity an' vo' all in p'tic'lar, 'thouten any thought o' reward. an' what thanks do I get?

"Them that fed outen my hand is plantin' the sting o' treachery into my heel when I ain't a-lookin' thataway. If 'twa'n't f'r the moral principle into it.

mought as well turn Turk." Still there was silence and the old man turned as if for solace to a newly opened cigar box behind the bar. Selecting a large black cigar, he bit off a liberal mouthful from the tip end and are that with seeming relish. Then, lighting the other end, he smoked sulkily until it seemed evident that he had no intention

yo' mought 'xplain what it's all about "Mo' special I'd like to know fir one

who 'tis has been eatin' outen yo' hand. There's fo' of us here has been p'vidin' yo' with a tol'able fat kitty f'r some time past, if that's what yo' mean, but I hain't heer'd o' yo' all givin' up no gre't sub-

"I reckon yo' all's done 'cumilated some property outen the game Anyway. I call yo' hand. I reckon it's time fo' a showdown " He spoke quietly but with sufficient

force to indicate that he was in earnest. and the others in the room, though they said nothing, nodded gravely to show that they shared his sentiments "Well, th' ain't no call for to get peevish," said the old man with a sudden

change of front "I ain't a-savin' but what the game has been some profitable We uns is all made, a livin' outen it f'r some time, but how's it been did? On'v rook by stickin' together

"An' now what is you uns been a-doin 000 Th' ain't no good denyin' of it, f'r I heer'd it straight. Yo' been playin' poker som'res else every Wednesday night f'r a month."

This direct accusation was delivered with an air of finality. It seemed, to the speaker at least, that no defence could be set up, but to his amazement the four men who listened first looked at one After a little Jake Winterbottom said

"I dunno how yo' all heer'd on 't, but it th' ain't no harm in tellin'

"We done set up a game at Blaisdell's main in action till next winter. house, an' there is a settin' every Wednesday Mo' 'n that, we done roped the rush. The season was backward, lots of dominie an' three deacons."

"Yes," said Bassett gravely, "an' we came out and stayed out long enough for ins is all under conviction. They 'm people to take pictures, why then the amalookin' for us to go to the mo'ners' bench | teurs took the field and the films began to next Sunday "

"Hit's the chu'ch sociable where we 'em play," said Pearsall "Mis' Blaisdell has it to her house every week a puppose. so's 't we c'n play 'thouten there bein' no kick

As for Blaisdell, he said nothing, but he emed to be enjoying himself

The old man, thoroughly bewildered. glared at them for several moments. Finally he said

uns is. D' yo' say you was playin' draw poker to a chu'ch sociable?"
"Yes." said Blaisdell, "but we on'y

plays f'r beans, just to prove to em what a innocent game draw poker reely is. I SMOKE'S EFFECT ON BRIDGES. Two quarts of alcohol are mixed with reckon we done got two o' the deacons

of quarts of alcohol that must be added to make themixture three-fourths alcohol."

Now don't jump to the conclusion that the answer is thirteen quarts, because alcohol absorbs water to a large extent, and if thereen quarts were added to the first mixture there might be only fifteen quarts all told as a result.

There being fifteen quarts of alcohol and fifteen quarts of mixture, is the alcohol three-fourths of the mixture, either by volume or by weight, or what part of the mixture is it?

Perhaps some readers of THE SYN

is one on 'em an' he's got mo' money 'n 's good f'r his health 'n 's good f'r his health

but mighty few strangers gets outen town 'thouten us gettin' a whack at 'em,

Then she says, 'Strangers is all right, "Then she says." Strangers is all right, she says 'but what's the matter with some o' the people right here to home? 'Ac I am fell to the ground and all of it had to be done told her what we had 'em skint tol'able close already, all on 'em what played poker, an' she sat why we didn't get some mo' on 'em to play an' a'ter she done chewed onto it a spell she fixed it up to such extent that much of the coatmax fell to the ground and all of it had to be torn out.

At another point in Boston is a bridge spanning the road where locomotives in one direction take a heavy grade in passing. The height of the clearance is eighteen feet, while the bridge has only wooden stringers.

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Well, it worked admirable. They was hell bent on gettin us fo converted an they talked to us bout the error of our eroded and burned to a depth of a quarter

"O! Deacon Beebe win \$1,700 in beans last night an' we uns seen how he was gloatin' over it an' lamentin' in'ard how 'twa'n't reel money; an' the dominie was green with jealousy. I reckon we'll play f'r coin the nex' time."

The plan met with old man Greenlaw's cordial approval, and after he had been made with some difficulty to understand that it would be hopeless to try to get the members of the church to come to his saloon to play he made no further objection to the four friends absenting themselves on Wednesday.

Furthermore, he carefully instructed Blaisdell in advance how Mrs. Blaisdell should concoct a cooling beverage which she could give to her guests as a temperance drink and which would give no intimation to the palate of the exhiliarating effects that would be likely to follow its taking.

"She c'n give yo' all a drink or two o' that while yo're playin' an' I reokon

is that eighteen feet clearance allows of a cheaper bridge and a longer life to it than the more costly structure at the minimum of fifteen feet.

Beyond the Reach of Law.

From M. A. P.

One of his stories turns upon the deceased wife's sister. It appears that a vicar of Dr. Pigou's acquaintance had, in ignorance, viewed the old verger whose business it was to look after such things.

Yes, ves. exclaimed the old man, "I knowed the parties I knowed them."

Then, why in the world didn't you tell me?' exclaimed the vicar.

"Well, vicar, it was this way, you see," replied the old fellow. "One of 'em parties was 33 and t'other was 86. Says I to meself, 'to an't last lengt bother the laws and let.'

'twon't hender the game none," he said with a wicked chuckle, and Blaisdell promised to remember the recipe. On the evening appointed the Rev.

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Mr. Smythe, Deacon Beebe and Deacon
Hooper were among the earliest of those
to arrive at the church sociable, which
was held as usual in Mrs. Blaisdell's parlor. They seemed, however, to have little interest in the general conversation that followed when the other guests ar-rived and followed Blaisdell readily if not eagerly when on the arrival of his three friends he led the way to an upper room where they had previously played

poker for beans.
"I been thinkin' consid'able about this here game," said Deacon Beebe after they had carefully closed the door, "an' pears to me it'd be a heap mo' interestin' if we was to use reel money f'r chips 'stead' o' beans like we been doin."
"Th' an' to doubt about it." said

"Th' sin't to doubt about it," said Winterbottom, gravely.

"I am inclined to agree with our brother," said Mr. Smythe, approvingly.
"It would undoubtedly give an air of reality to the pastime which would augment the enjoyment. Only it should be understood that when we conclude the game the money should be divided. game the money should be divided among us as it was in the beginning, is now, and I mean that each of us should have the same amount that he began

"Th' ain't nothin' else to be 'xpected,' said Blaisdell, smoothly. That's the beauty o' draw poker. Folks calls it sinful 'count o' not understandin' the game. Th' on'y proper way to play it is f'r everybody to quit even. We c'n play with that understandin' if it suits yo' ail. Apparently it did suit everybody with

peart.

"That's one o' th' rules o' th' game." said Pearsall. "A man c'n draw out whenever he feels like it."

These preliminaries being settled the players seated themselves at the table and produced their several wars. The Dominie and Deacon Hooper showed modest rolls only, but Deacon Beebe's was fat, and the four professionals were also well provided.

and Farmer Seely Hunter of Hardscrabble said that, just as true as bees a-hummin', if this weather kept up we'd be bound to have more hay this season than some folks had money. After that there was selence a while, and then the chronicler of Pochuck said:

"But this ain't neither here nor there. What I was a-goin' fer to say was that as a comin' along up from seein' the

In the early part of the game it was noticeable that the less skilful players were particularly lucky. They held remarkably good hands, especially when Blaisdell dealt, and though they won no very large bets, they took the most of the pots.

Presently, however, the Dominie was on by when he hailed me an' I stopped. Freeently, however, the Dominie was tempted by the possession of a full house to venture a considerable sum, and the others all laid down with the exception of Bassett, who looked troubled for a time but finally said:

"I reckon I'll have to boost you about to be said."

Thereupon the dominie with great satisfaction counted his money. Finding he had only \$90, he declared that he would call for that amount, and Bassett showed

That put one player out of the game, but he remained looking on and waiting for the final division, in which he looked for a return of his money. The next to come to grief was Deacon

and he being broke, said he reckoned it was time for the money to be distributed "Well," said Winterbottom, doubtfully. "I reckon mebbe there's some misunder standin' about this here. We uns reckons on all quittin' even, but th' on'y way to vour p'int don't jest e'zac'ly tetch Janion all quittin even, but th' on'y way to do that is fo' yo' uns to p'duce mo' money an' keep on playin' till we evens up. Th' ain't nothin' else to be looked for, like Blaisdell was savin', but yo' all is got to win it back. Yo' don't 'xpect us to give it to yo', do yo'?"

"Now," said the dominie, while the two

deacons sought in vain to find words with which to express their feelings. "now I perceive the sinfulness of draw

another sheepishly and then grinned TAKING PICTURES IN MILLIONS. Finally they began to laugh and the old The Amateur Photographer New Affeld of it was sorty like this. I was bobbin for the Summer Campaign.

"The camera brigade. I mean the camera it's true, Greenlaw. We was plannin' a army," said the manager of a developing little surprise, but bein' as yo' done heer'd, and printing department, "has turned loose now in good earnest, and it will re-"This year business began with a little

rainy weather, and then when the sun com e in about as fast as you could count

"It is not uncommon for us to take in here on a Monday after a fair Sunday from 500 to 800 films for developing and printing, and we may get pretty nearly as many every day straight through the week. People bring them in and send them in from the country and the seashore—they come in streams

When you think of the number of ea- of a start just then he says: dared at them for several moments tablishments that develop and print pictures, and of the number of people who print their own pictures you can get some idea of the millions of photographs taken in the course of the season, and the summer in the course of the season, and the summer

explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the stack, its corrosive and heat effects in passing under bridge and viaduet structures have been under careful study by engineers.

"Well, my wife says to me a spell ago," explained Blaisdell, "what she wa'n't altogether satisfied as how we all was doin' the best we mought in the way o' business. I told her what we was gettin' about all the trade there was. "Th' ain't protected by heavy lead plates and above but mighty few strangers gets outen." The "Cotton Farm" bridge in Boston was pail o' water. were rendered rust proof by cement tiles. In ten years the locomotives blast had eaten into the lead sheathing and into the

hell bent on gentleman to the put up a argument that draw poker wa'n't no harm an' we offered to show 'em.

The pudgment of the engineers is that eighteen feet clearance allows of a show 'em.

POCHUCK'S SKILLED CATFISH turned him into a tub o' water, an' 'twa'n't

THE ONE VICE OF JANIZARY P. GROGAN.

He Would Chew Navy Plug and Without It He's in Danger of Dissolution-Man Who Halls From Over There Tells of the Extraordinary Animal.

CHESTER, N. Y., July 1.-"I come as clean outen the tub. Th' sin's so doubt about it," said that notion from bein' took up an' carried in the atmosphere for a spell back?"

sundry goods that were alleged to have a counteracting influence on the effects of that condition of the atmosphere. and which were at the service of the tub public at reasonable prices. The Pochuck claimant said yes, he didn't doubt it, but he noticed that the landlord had also a counteractin' influence as to some o' the public bein' able to make that test, though their tongues mought be hanging out a foot, and as he looked so straight Apparently it do suit everybody with the possible exception of Deacon Beete, but the only thing he said was that he hoped there would be no objection if he should be obliged to quit some earlier than usual, as Mis' Beebe wa'n't feelin' p'tic'lar and be possible to suit some earlier than usual, as Mis' Beebe wa'n't feelin' p'tic'lar and be possible to suit a suit of the suit o at the "No Trust" sign that his allusion could scarcely be misunderstood, Farmer and Farmer Seely Hunter of Hardscrabble

I was comin' along up from seein' the Sprout Hill folks I seen a feiler settin' on a fence whittlin' a stick. I always had an idea that I knowed every man, woman, child an' critter in all that country, but I didn't know this un. an' I was goin'

"'Cap'n,' says he, an' o' course I couldn't find it in my natur' to be huffy with a feller who seen to wunst what orto be even if it wa'n't. 'Cap'n,' says he. 'I'm obleeged to ast you to give me a toler ble good sized chaw offen your plug o' black navy, savs he.

"I told him I couldn't do it. "Taint fer me, says he. it's fer

be dead afore night, says he. Even a comfort ble sized hunk mought see

alive. "Yes, says he, shakin his head as if could pull him through,

your p'int don't jest e'zac'ly tetch Janizary P. I don't want you to go away with a wrong idee, says he. 'It won't never do, says he. You mustn't go away with a wrong idee o' Janizary! save he

words "So I sot down on a stump an' told the selings. feller I'd stay an' listen then an' git the right idee of Janizary P., an' he says:

> he was gittin' it shaved plumb, 'the way fast, and three flannel cakes fer his breakof it was sorty like this I was bobbin' seein that his health was fair to mid-for catfish in the pond one night an' I dlin' arter his first chaw o' terbacker, I ketched somethin' like two bushel. One thought I'd have some fun watchin' him of 'em was a good two pound in heft an' I as I offered him another chaw o' black noticed that he swore an' jawed at me navy plug, consekently I most fell in the with a good deal more vim than any o' the rest on 'em, so I lugged him home. He kep' swearin' an'/jawin' all the way he was so uncommon mad. I chucked the way so uncommon mad. I chucked chawed showin' as plain as his whiskers he was so uncommon mad. I chucked him an' the rest of 'em in a box on the back stoop. I could hear that sassy chap pitchin' into me stiff an' stout long arter I had gone to bed.
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> "Next mornin', says the feller, 'there back an' chawin' terbecker.

"Next mornin", says the feller, 'there was that big an sassy catfish as full o'
life an' cussedness as ever. He cooled down though when he got a good look at spilt more terbacker juice, my ol'
at me by daylight, winked an arms of the same and the same arms of the sa down though when he got a good look at me by daylight, winked an eye at me, give one spring, cleared the box an landed plumb in a pail o' water I was carryin' out to water the cow,' says the feller, an' seein' that I give consider'ble of a start just then he says:

"The pail is over yonder to the house"

"The pail is over yonder to the house are me by daylight, winked an eye at me, give one spring, cleared the box an' black navy o' mine, 'he's the dead image o' Uncle Janizary P.," says she. "Only," says she. "I've an idee that Uncle Janizary black navy o' mine, 'he's the dead image o' Uncle Janizary P.," says she. "Only," says she had to fight for ception Pass. Capt. Bae had to fight

"So I took him,' says the feller, 'an', chaw afore long he'll-

long 'fore I see that I hadn't made no got up an' was goin' on my mistake. The catfish'd grab an' eat mistake. He hollered arter anything I chucked in the tub, so one day I thought I'd find out jest how a catfish cook the hook when you was fishin' fer em. I hid a hook in a nice piece o' fat sork an' handed it down to him at the ork an' handed it down to him at the socked an eye up at me, winked, turned believed the feller 'd been lyin' to me an' believed the feller 'd been lyin' to me an' believed the feller 'd been lyin' to me an' took the hook when you was fishin' fer 'em. I hid a hook in a nice piece o' fat pork an' handed it down to him at the end of a line. Say! That amazin' cattlah cocked an eye up at me, winked, turned his tail ag'in that nice bit o' pork with the hook in it, an' swoshed hook an' all

CHESTER, N. Y.. July 1.—"I come as nigh as could be to havin' a notion to call a feller a liar as I was comin' up from visitin' the folks down Sprout Hill way t'other mornin'," said the man who claims domicile in Pochuck, "an' nothin' but its bein' setch an all fired hot day saved that notion from bein' took up an' carried that the could. Either way he wanted to bet. If anybody bet me he could fish that stupid lookin' lunkhead of a catish that notion from bein' took up an' carried. Well, says the feller, arter that me outen the tub I'd give the catty the wink out. You've took notice, I s'pose, that and he'd sniff an' scowl at the nice fat there's been a consider'ble heft of caloric bait with a hook in it stuck under his bait with a hook in it stuck under his nose to tempt him an' never tetch it.

"But if anybody took the bet that he couldn't fish the catfish out, an' so put in a bare hook or a bad bait, the catfish'd go for it like a hawk fer a chicken an' be floppin' on the ground 'fore the chap that took the bet knowed what had happened. Then the catfish 'd spit the hook out an' I'd dump him back in the tub. The new landlord of the tavern said that he had taken such notice and remarked further that he had on hand

Why, say!' says the feller, throwin "Why, say! says the feller, throwin," away the stick he was whittlin an' puttin his jackknife in his pocket, 'me an' that catfish worked together so brotherly an' enterprisin' that we paid off the mortgage on the mule an' bought the best coon dog in all this bailiwick in less'n three months! Then one day my hired man was standin' by the tub, lookin' at that amazin' an' startiin' catfish, an' he took out his plug o' black navy, an'—say, Cap'n!' says the feller, breakin' off like he mought 'a' thunk o' somethin' suddent-

to Janizary P., I know it would, says he, an' mebbe tide him over! A toler'ble good sized chaw!' says he.
"I told him I didn't have no yaller plug. "Sprout Hill'll hear from me, you kin bet a hen, fer not tellin' you about Janizary P.!' says he. 'Why, you'd 'a' handed your terbacker right out without bein' ast, if they only had! says he, an not wantin' to stay an' see him feelin' so

he mought 'a' thunko' somethin' suddent-like, 'a chaw offen jest a common every day yaller plug'd be sweet balm in Gilyud

not wantin' to stay an bad I got up an' says I must push on. "One minute, Cap'n, says he. The you don't even feel like passin' out common every day yaller, I can't have you go with wrong idees about nizary P. Grogan. Jest a minute, p'n!' says he, an' I sot down on the

stump ag'in.
"The hired man cut a chaw offen his "The hired man cut a chaw offen his black navy plug an' a piece of it fell down in the water, says he. The catfish come fer it with a rush. He stopped quick when he shoved his nose ag'in it. He paused an' pondered. He w'an't so sure about that terbacker. He skinned one eve up at me, but I never said a word. Then he concluded to resk it, an' he took the piece in.

"One minute, Cap'n, says he, an' wn ag'iii. 'I went to the house,' 'jest a-wailin', fer I felt it 'way. down ag'in. down ag'in. 'I went to the house,' says he, 'le won't aw with a wrong idee,' says he. 'It won't aw with a wrong idee o' Janizary!' away with a wrong idee o' Janizary!' away with a wrong idee o' Janizary!' away he.

"So I sot down on a stump an' told the leller I'd stay an' listen then an' git the light idee of Janizary P., an' he says:

"Well, sir,' says he, squipting over the surface of the strain of the skinned up at me, an' he shuck his head like he didn't keer whether school ken'. "Well, sir, says he, squinting over or not. But next mornin he was lively the stick he was whittlin to see whether as a cricket, are eat a pound an a half of

back an' chawin' terbecker

"The pail is over yonder to the house tures and of the number of people who print their own pictures you can get some in the course of the season, and the summer photographs taken in the course of the season, and the summer photograph campaign is now well under way."

\*\*SMOKE'S EFFECT ON BRIDGES.\*\*
Instances of Structures Which it Materially injured.

\*\*From the Chicago Tribune.\*\*
When a locemotive is maying speed against a grade with its full complement of cars and tonnage behind it the blast from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force. But regardless of how many pounds dead weight might be blown from the smokestack may attain simost explosive force at the force of the blown from the the blown from the the blown from the the blown from the the blown

me right as to Janizary P. Grogan.

"Soon as the big catfish got a better look at me in daylight.' says be, 'he winked his eye, an givin' one spring be cleared the box an' landed plum in the pail o' water.

""Well," says I, "here's a catfish with snap to him. Guess I'll give him a chance to work hisself up." I says.

"So I took him," says the feller, 'an' chay afore long he'll—"

"The feller didn't say what, for I had an' says:
"'Say, Cap'n!' he says. 'If

when I looked back an' seen him a big chaw offen a plug o' black terbacker his ownself, I was so sa it that I come as nigh as could be

a notion o' goin' back an' tellin him so Nothin' but it's been setch an all tred hot day saved that notion from bein took up an carried out.

The Pochuck chronicler paused and orooked a finger. Then he said:
"An' the weather is jest as warm;
No response was made to this, and and by and by the chronicler said:

wear an overcoat!" Whereupon he departed. WALKING STICKS.

"But if it wasn't no warmer than the greetin a feller gets over here, he'd have

The Traveller's Cane A Cigarette Case Handle Some Unusual Shapes

The newest thing in walking sticks is known as the traveller's cane, this being a jointed stick that can be taken apart and packed in small compass to be conveniently carried in a trunk or sut case. The joints are very nicely made, so that when set up the cane is the same as a solid stick and the joints are invisible The traveller's cane is made in lancewood and in rattan and with a book or with a capped top, either style to be found in variety of forms.

The great majority of all the canes sold are still, as they have always been round, but there are sold numbers of canes of other shapes to men who war something different. Thus there are square canes and canes with the stock triangular and canes six sided and eight sided. In various weights and woods there would be found canes in these in usual shapes in more than a score of styles a number that might be extended in definitely by variations in the style of handle or in the mountings. In piment or in snakewood, two woods coming from Central and South America, these out shaped canes are usually made and among them the triangular cane is just now p

ferred.
There are men who buy a new cane every month and may come to have a great every month and may come to have a great collection of canes, though men who buy many canes are more likely to give many of them away and so keep on hand but a reasonable number for the various de-mands of time or occasion. The man of fashion is likely to carry a cane of darker wood and heavier weight in winter, and a carry of lighter weight and color in sumcane of lighter weight and color in summer, and he may carry one style of cane in the morning, another in the afternoon and still another in the evening.

Men seek all these varieties of canes not only for novelty's sake and to get away from the commonplace and conventional but they may buy new canes.

ventional, but they may buy new canes for their beauty; fine canes are made of fine wood and beautifully finished, and silver or gold handles or caps may be beautifully chased or etched or other-

silver or gold handles or caps may be beautifully chased or etched or otherwise elegantly finished.

Besides pimento and snakewood and lancewood and rattan, canes are made of partridge wood and of malacea and of Ci. ssian walnut and of many other finewoods in all sorts of shades in color, light and dark, including woods straight grained and of beautiful markings. The handles and caps are also to be found in almost endless variety.

Many fine canes are now shod with ferrule tips of horn instead of metal, the horn ferrule being lighter, making a better balanced cane and being noiseless when it touches the sidewalk. A novelty in cane heads is of silver made hollow for use as a cigarette case, the cover fitting snugly and forming

the cover fitting snugly and forming closed, a continuous part of the handle-These handles are also made with an ad-ditional compartment for matches. There are many handsome canes the are comparatively inexpensive, or yo may pay \$100 for a walking stick with solid gold head or hook. On rare or casions more costly canes are made with jewelled caps or handles. Canes are often bought for gifts and they are

as well as for style. In a large sto there would be found canes in hundre of varieties, and to such a stock new styles constantly being added BIG STURGEON FIGHTS SAILORS

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accomplish the feat, and before the fish was

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